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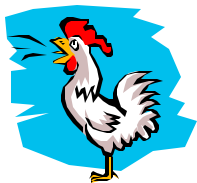
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were irregular, but mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was moderate at best and improved slightly entering the weekend. Food service was fair to good, best for fast food. Supplies were at least adequate or available for needs. In the parts structure, breast items were irregular with bone-in short, yet boneless skinless was adequate to fully sufficient. Wings were balanced to at times short, and dark meat was adequate. Trading was best for white meat items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/14-08/18/00 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)			COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	43.00-48.00	41.00-62.50	46.67	24
Los Angeles	65.00			
New York	43.00-46.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.50-61.00	42.00-64.00	60.24	80
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 60.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
629	57.00-62.25	59.82
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	147.50	4,140
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.00	1,135
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.00	725
LEG QUARTERS	23.50	8,120
WINGS	55.00	2,740

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best where features were present and active. Food service was fair to fairly good, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were at least balanced to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were irregular but was mostly showing good movement with supplies well cleared and held with confidence. Wings and dark meat were better balanced and slightly improved in interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last week's levels. Trading for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices. The market tone was steady. Offerings easily adequate to satisfy current needs. Retail demand was moderate, fairly good where featured. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-89 and cut-up 87-89, leg quarters 39-57, thighs 79-169, drumsticks 79-169, bone-in breasts 97-179, boneless breasts 179, roasters 118 and cornish hens (twin pack) 199; Northern California - cut up fryers 89, leg quarters 27, thighs 69-79, drumsticks 59-79, breasts 149-219, boneless breasts 249-439, cornish hens 169 and roasters 99-118.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into Chicago were unchanged. Trade sentiment on whole fryers mostly steady. Whole fryer and WOG offers in balance with the unaggressive buyers needs. Retail demand only fair and best where scattered features are in progress. Food service movement mixed, light to fairly good, best into fast food outlets and for the upcoming weekend. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Sizes desirable. Parts demand light with breast items providing the best interest. Supplies of all parts items adequate or available. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on breast items, wings steady to fully steady, generally steady on the balance of parts items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair at best. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was generally no better than moderate. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts were usually limited in availability and were commanding premiums. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient, and the balance of items were usually available.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased a bit entering the weekend. Offerings continued to vary by both size and volume, but were at least adequate overall. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were reduced at some plants and were just moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 46 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were short. Boneless skinless breasts were in good balance at some points, fully adequate at others. Thighs were tightening. Wings were short in instances.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A		
RANGE		40-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		49.71
NO. OF BOXES		10,576
CUMULATIVE	08/07/00-08/11/00	49.77
	08/09/99-08/13/99	54.05
NO. OF BOXES	08/07/00-08/11/00	51,128
	08/09/99-08/13/99	37,745

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

AUGUST 11, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	668	135.00-180.00	145-150	156.37	583	140.00-180.00	145-150	149.97	3,154	150.37
TENDERLOINS	150	195.00-225.00	195-200	201.80	265	193.00-225.00	195-200	198.54	1,098	197.15
BREAST - LINE RUN	154	60.00-66.00	62-65	64.23	122	62.00-66.00	64-65	65.72	663	65.25
FRONT HALVES	110	56.00-62.00	-	58.64	145	56.00-62.00	-	59.45	500	59.33
LEGS	46	27.00-40.00	28-29	28.70	86	27.00-40.00	27-29	27.91	390	28.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	556	18.00-21.00	18-19	18.93	676	17.50-21.00	18-19	18.75	2,716	18.74
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,170	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.33	1,271	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.35	6,107	22.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	52.00-57.00	53-55	54.57	82	52.00-57.00	56-57	55.63	418	54.97
WINGS (CUT)	456	62.00-87.00	64-67	66.66	532	62.00-87.00	64-67	69.98	2,725	68.90
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				27	40.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				26	37.23
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				65	63.00-65.00	-	63.77	159	61.94

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 10, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE****AVERAGE**

37.00 - 41.50

38.79

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 11, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE****AVERAGE**

36.75-41.50

39.10

**5-DAY****AVERAGE**

39.07

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest improved slightly entering the weekend, but was generally fair to moderate overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts were very tight with dealers usually paying premiums when product could be found. Boneless-skinless breasts were generally adequate, and the balance of items were more than sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm on bone-in breasts, about steady on boneless-skinless breasts, and no better than steady on the balance. PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*				TRADING*				WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150		150.88	441,720	145-150		147.48	650,960	149.58	2,622,170
TENDERLOINS	180		195.06	144,080	180		194.97	169,440	194.31	729,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61		66.34	278,600	63-64		67.46	267,880	65.79	1,502,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	60		63.50	108,080	63		64.60	72,600	62.82	558,200
LEGS	33-34		32.08	247,960	33-34		33.96	307,400	33.54	1,307,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21		21.43	485,312	20-21		21.74	447,822	21.50	2,669,398
DRUMSTICKS	31-32		31.86	179,870	31-32		35.45	132,240	32.52	820,860
THIGHS	21-22		26.23	191,890	21-22		32.23	152,930	28.07	982,500
B/S THIGHS	69-70		74.67	63,200	69-70		75.00	73,680	74.55	348,411
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54		62.63	311,440	53-54		61.08	406,220	61.68	1,873,653
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.13	89,080	10-12		12.02	109,920	12.03	473,755
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		34.38	54,840	30-35		34.97	70,040	33.97	293,645
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		45.02	95,320	40-45		44.76	119,560	44.64	528,050

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	08/11	08/10	08/09	08/08	08/09	08/08	08/04	08/02
ALA	4,108	3,881	3,899	3,867	4.90	4.96	4,162	5.00
ARK	5,900	5,352	5,217	5,253	4.67	4.74	5,218	4.86
DELMARVA	2,294	2,394	2,404	2,306	4.99	4.98	2,710	5.00
KY-LA-TN	2,142	2,094	2,100	2,036	4.32	4.28	2,053	4.43
MISS	2,817	2,844	2,750	2,793	5.03	5.04	3,350	5.05
NC	2,752	2,650	2,585	2,583	5.67	6.01	2,860	5.72
TEXAS	2,555	2,281	2,296	2,280	4.51	4.59	2,346	4.65
TOTAL	22,568	21,496	21,251	21,118	4.87	4.92	22,699	4.97
MON-FRI108,797(A)							107,187(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Aug 00 12-Aug-00 is estimated to be 33,764,000 up 8.31 percent from a week ago and up 7.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000 Last year 31,415,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 12-Aug-00 is estimated to be 156,404,000 head up 0.7 percent from a week ago, and up 1.6 percent from a year ago. Last week 155,250,000 Last year 153,926,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	80-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284-294
RABBITS-CUT UP	289-299

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-104
	ICE PACK 92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	106-111
	ICE PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	98
	ICE PACK 94
DUCKS	148-160

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending July 29, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	31,931	39,173	44,028
Avg Weight	3.79	4.77	6.03
% of total /1	28%	34%	38%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	36,243	40,397	38,703
Avg Weight	3.78	4.84	6.04
% of total /1	31%	35%	34%
Same week, yr ago /2	32,632	38,259	32,381
Avg Weight	3.73	4.85	5.94
% of total /1	32%	37%	31%
To date/2000	994,414	984,646	1,231,695
To date/1999	980,445	871,827	1,286,417

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 05-Aug-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL  
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS

	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	155,250(A)	1,838	1,814	3,652	390
AVG WT	4.90	3.42	8.01	5.70	5.99
LAST WEEK	159,218	1,799	1,723	3,522	448
YR AGO	152,521	2,025	1,427	3,452	434
AVG WT	4.68	3.30	8.09	5.28	6.15
TO-DATE/2000	4,793,492	60,621	44,172	104,793	13,840
TO-DATE/1999	4,697,716	66,968	42,093	109,061	13,711

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.1 million head or 0.8 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUG 08, 2000**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.92 - 1.18	Silkie	3.00 - 3.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.98 - 1.24	Geese 9-14	.12 - .20
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.20 - .52	Pigeons	1.50 - 2.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .74	White Pigeons	1.75 - 2.50ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .82	Rabbits 4-6	.60 - 1.02
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - 1.10	Rabbits 7-11	.30 - .84
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - .94	Bunnies	1.00 - 6.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.50ea.	Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 4.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Goats	39.00 - 51.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.18 - .34	Kid Goats	25.00 - 43.00ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .64	Doves	2.00 - 6.50ea.
		Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.10

Total Coops Sold 752

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 07-AUG-2000

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	55-56	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83	63-66

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Slaughter schedules were full-time. Sizes were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.20, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 07-AUG-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JULY	1 167.0	158.7	105	5.01
	8 137.3	157.7	87	4.98
	15 163.5	157.4	104	4.98
	22 160.1	158.1	101	4.92
	29 161.2	157.6	102	5.00
AUGUST	5 157.1	157.9	99	4.90
YEAR TO DATE	4851.9	4779.7	102	
AUGUST	12 158.6			
	19 157.2			

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

W/E	THOUSANDS				
	08/12/00	08/05/00	% CHG	08/14/99	% CHG
Broilers	156,404	155,250*	+01	153,926*	+02
Cattle	693,000	697,000	-01	711,000*	-03
Hogs	1,810,000	1,758,000	+031	1,874,000*	-03

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were generally unchanged to occasionally lower on canners when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. Demand was fair but unaggressive. The undertone was about steady to steady. USDA-AMS announced the purchase of 800,000 pounds of frozen cooked diced chicken to be delivered Oct. 1 to Oct. 15.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b><u>LIGHT CANNER HENS</u></b> <b><u>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</u></b>	<b><u>HEAVY CANNER HENS</u></b> <b><u>(WITHOUT NECKS)</u></b>
25- MAJORITY	25-26 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b><u>LIGHT CANNER HENS</u></b> <b><u>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</u></b>	<b><u>HEAVY CANNER HENS</u></b> <b><u>(WITHOUT NECKS)</u></b>
24.5-25 MAJORITY	26-28 MAJORITY 27-27.75

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Supplies continued to be adequate for processors needs. However, offerings continue to decline and are not available as earlier. Processing schedules for next week are about normal. Finished product was fully adequate for trade requirements. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for in balance to adequate offerings of leghorn hens. Finished sales were fair with production sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings continue ample to burdensome for the current mostly moderate demand. Many spent hens making their way into extruding and rendering facilities as processor schedules are at maximum capacities. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady

## **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b><u>HEAVY</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b><u>LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.25	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	0

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was only fair for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for current week were normal. The market tone was about steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Sales were only fair with current production fully adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked full schedules. Demand moderate. Offerings readily available.

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